***The AVP Forest***

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**Seedlings, Saplings and Maturing Trees**

**Kenya** - **2008**

Our Tree of Non-Violence is growing into a forest! AVP is active in the world today and dynamically finding ways to bring peace-building into areas in all phases of dealing with violence; prevention, crisis management and recovery.

The International AVP Conference is taking shape and we need input from all.

What do you anticipate will be your program's most exciting work?

How can or does AVP make an impact in your country?

What workshops would be most helpful to you?

What workshop might you facilitate?

We have from Sunday supper, September 14 to Saturday breakfast, September 20, 2008. We expect to have a number of plenary sessions. Participants are encourages to:

Make a 10 minute presentations on a related topic of general interest.

Bring or send a poster of your work or to create one at the gathering.

Think if you might host the next conference. Are you a program that could host us and would benefit from international facilitators coming to support workshops before and after the conference?

We will appoint an Epistle committee to track our work and activities. The epistle from our last gathering in South Africa is available at: <http://avpinternational.org/2006Epistle.pdf>

Ideas for workshops at this time include: Please sent us your ideas as well.

WORKSHOP CONTENT and FACILIATOR NEEDS

Manly Awareness

Women's issues in AVP

Anger Material

Workshops for prison officers

Increasing Facilitator Skills

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HEROC) workshops dealing with trauma

Taking AVP into current conflict areas

AVP with Ex-combatants

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIES

Sharing Our Manuals

Australian college curriculum

The Demietta Initiative

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

Information on new communication technologies such as Skype and Dim-Dim

Reports from the AVPIRDC committees; Communications; Education;

Finance; Legal; Networking; Planning; Public Relations; Regional

Support; and the Committee of Committees

OTHER STUFF

Theory and practice of micro lending - this was a new concept to many

in South Africa and all wanted more info

Scientific discussions? The spiritual side of AVP

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